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Truck Driver Arrested For Forgery

On September 5, 2006 at approximately 12:00 PM, Philip W. Davis, a 32 year old resident of Longview, Washington was driving a 2005 Peterbilt tractor pulling a semi trailer loaded with beer when he was stopped at the Ridgefield Port of Entry for an over weight violation. The truck belongs to Tewasho International based in Yukon, Oklahoma.

Commercial Vehicle Officer John Escott contacted Davis, and soon found a variety of violations that included a suspended license in California and Oregon, and a logbook violation. Further investigation by Escott revealed that Davis had no valid medical waiver for vision in his possession. Federal and state laws require drivers to pass standard eye examinations which Davis failed. Mr. Davis was then placed out of service for no vision waiver and no medical card.

On the following day Mr. Davis returned to the Port of Entry to show he had obtained the required medical card and vision waiver. Officer Escott again contacted Davis and looked over the documents Davis provided. The paperwork included an application for an intrastate medical waiver and medical card. The medical card showed a valid date but had misspellings and inconsistencies. The application for the waiver showed the exam had been performed by a local doctor, and contained a signature by the examining physician. Escott then contacted the Department of Licensing which had no record of Mr. Davis' application, followed by a call to the doctor that had performed the exam. The clinic stated the doctor had no record of Mr. Davis, nor was he a patient at the facility.

Finally, Davis admitted to having filled out the application and signing the doctor's name on the document.

The investigation was turned over to WSP detectives. Mr. Davis was arrested and booked into the Clark County Jail Wednesday for forgery as well as an outstanding warrant for failing to appear on the original driving while suspended charges.

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